

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, above line 1:

-- TITLE OF THE INVENTION --.

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 3-6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

~~—These objects are achieved by a process and device with features according to the claims 1 and 10, respectively. Advantageous embodiments and applications of the invention arise from the dependent claims.~~ --.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 7, between lines 2 and 3:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS --.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 7, between lines 27 and 28:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --.

Please replace the paragraph at page 24, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- CLAIMS ~~CLAIMS (as originally filed and published)~~ --.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended. Claims 22-43 are pending.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Specification Objection

The objection to the specification is obviated by the foregoing amendments adding section headings to the specification. The specification is also amended to remove references to the claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the specification objection are respectfully requested.

Drawing Requirement

The Office Action implies that there are no drawings in the file and requests a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81. The drawings were forwarded to the PTO, as shown in the PTO's electronic file wrapper of this application. The drawings are contained in the international publication of the application, identified in the electronic file wrapper as "Various IB Documents and Papers Submitted with the 371 Application such as the ISR and IPER" with a mail room date of July 24, 2001, at electronic pages 35-69. Nonetheless, Applicants hereby attach copies of those drawings (eighteen sheets showing Fig. 1A to Fig. 19). No new matter is added.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objection are respectfully requested.

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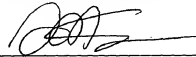
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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